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The Servant as Proclaimer
PR 610 (3 Semester Hours)
Asbury Theological Seminary-Florida Campus
Fall 2000

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Prerequisites: NT 525 or NT 530

Class times: Thursdays 6:00 to 8:40 P.M.

Class Dates: September 7 to December 14, 2000

Competencies to be developed by student:

- Students will explore through reading, reflection and discussion the qualities that characterize a preacher on both personal and social levels.
- Students will develop the ability to formulate culturally relevant, scripture-based sermons adhering to generally accepted homiletical norms.
- Students will develop skills in sermon delivery through practice and critique.

Required Texts:

- Donald E. Demaray. *Introduction to Homiletics (Revised)*
- Calvin Miller. *Spirit, Word, and Story*

Collateral Texts:

- Mortimer J. Adler. *How to Read a Book*
- Fred B. Craddock. *Preaching*
- Bryan Chapell. *Christ-Centered Preaching*
- Michael Duduit, editor. *Communicate with Power*
- John Killinger. *Fundamentals of Preaching*
- Ralph L. Lewis. *Inductive Preaching*
- Eugene L. Lowry. *The Sermon*
- Thomas C. Oden. *Pastoral Theology*
- Haddon W. Robinson. *Biblical Preaching*
- Gary Smalley. *The Language of Love*
- Robert H. Spain. *Getting Ready to Preach*
- John R.W. Stott. *Between Two Worlds*

Course requirements:

- Read required textbooks. A proposed reading schedule is included in the course schedule.
- Give a five-minute testimony to the class on the topic “My Call to Preach.”
- Write 1-2 page reflection papers on 2 collateral texts. * See attached instructions
- Preach 2 sermons (one to be preached in class, the second in a ministry context).
- Write a sermon critique of the contextual sermon to be turned in with the tape. Use the sermon critique form with a one-page (maximum) reflection attached. The reflection should candidly note what you both felt good about with regard to the sermon as well as noted areas for improvement. The reflection should begin with the context, audience description, etc. to “set the stage.”
- Write a “Theology of Preaching” paper not to exceed six pages. * A minimum of five sources should be used.
- Minimum of 600 pages of collateral reading from the above list of texts. At least two different texts should be used. (Other texts relative to sermon preparation may be used if approved by instructor). A reading report will be turned in with final examination.
- Final examination will consist of turning in a manuscript sermon that reflects the methodology taught in the class. Pay careful attention to detail regarding introduction, body, conclusion, transitions, illustrations, and mechanics. Attach a cover sheet indicating the intended audience and context in which the sermon most likely would be given.
- Evaluation:
 - Written assignments, including final examination will count for 50% of final grade.
 - Oral presentations will count 40% of final grade.
 - Class participation will count for 10% of final grade.

*(Papers should conform to Slade’s *Form and Style* handbook).

Course Schedule:

9/7 Week 1 <i>Part I the Shepherd</i> ❖ Discussion of preaching experience and what you would like to gain from this class. ❖ Discussion of syllabus and course requirements. ❖ Course overview ❖ Discussion of selected scriptures that guide the preacher's task.	11/2 Week 9 ❖ Preachers 5&6
9/14 Week 2 ❖ Read Demaray, 1-43; Miller, 1-81 ❖ "My Call to Preach" 5 minute testimonies ❖ Toward a Theology of Preaching	11/9 Week 10 ❖ Movie/teaching video
9/21 Week 3 ❖ Read Demaray 45-68; Miller, 85-109 ❖ Theology of preaching, cont. ❖ Role of Holy Spirit in Preaching ❖ Spiritual disciplines	11/16 Week 11 ❖ Preachers 7&8
9/28 Week 4 <i>Part II Sphere of Preaching</i> ❖ Read Demaray 71-101; Miller, 111-194 ❖ Contextualization ❖ Worlds of the Preacher	11/23 Reading Week ❖ Happy Thanksgiving!
10/5 Week 5 <i>Part III The Sermon</i> ❖ Read Demaray 103-154; Miller, 197-212 ❖ Sermon Planning ❖ From Text to Sermon	11/30 Week 12 ❖ <i>Theology of Preaching papers due.</i>
10/12 Week 6 ❖ Read Demaray 157-189; Miller, 213-225 ❖ Introduction ❖ Body ❖ Conclusion	12/7 Week 13 ❖ <i>Preaching video and critique due.</i>
10/19 Week 7 ❖ <i>Reflection papers due.</i> ❖ Preachers 1&2	12/14 Week 14 ❖ Finals week/ <i>Manuscript Sermon Due</i> ❖ Reading report due.
10/26 Week 8 ❖ Preachers 3&4	❖ <i>If you would like to have your sermon, paper and course grade mailed to you please provide a self-addressed 9X12 envelope and five 33cent stamps to cover postage. Do not affix stamps. Any stamps not used will be included inside envelope.</i>

Guide to Writing Reflection Papers for Collateral Texts

1. Write a one-paragraph summary of the book, indicating that you have read the book completely.
2. Note any new insights that have come to you from interacting with the book. These may be many or few, depending on the book.
3. Suggest some ways you might apply these insights to your preaching.
4. Finally, note any areas of disagreement you had with the text and/or questions that were raised in your mind by the text.